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Re: Association of California Water Agencies Support For HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The City of Riverside is pleased to support your HR 2828, Landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Program Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.

July 30, 2003

The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the City of Riverside service area, CALFED's implementation will bring about day-to-day progress on water reliability and water quality.

It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year and we appreciate your commitment to moving the process along. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the Bay-Delta and the Klamath. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in the California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and water recycling. Moving forward with a grants program for desalination and recycling will complement the CALFED Program and build upon the proven success of these projects.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

City Councilman - Ward 2

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